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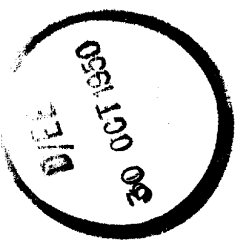
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No. 1

YOUTH IN THE VANGUARD OF THE FIGHT FOR PEACE

Had war propaganda is again poisoning the world horizon. Only yesterday the youth of all the world laid aside the weapon of war after faithfully doing their duty and prepared for the peaceful struggles of work and education. If they paid dear with their blood for the great victory against fascism, they were comforted by its pure democratic content, and with good heart they opened the front of reconstruction. But no! The American imperialists were not in agreement with that aim. The men who did everything to break Allied unity and afterwards to nullify the real meaning of the victory of the People against force and tyranny of every kind, pleased with the profits which they had made from the blood poured out by the fighting youth, found that peace does not serve their interests, and they have unleashed the mad effort to kindle a new war. The manifold proclamations and the agreements for Peace which they have so deceitfully signed they have lost and have trampled off even before the ink of their signatures was dry. War preparations of every kind are heard everywhere. Cannon and bombs are being prepared to destroy whatever the peoples have built with their blood and sweat. Impatiently the sword of the Western "democracies" is being drawn from its sheath in order to pierce the breast of the young fighters for Peace. And in our own country the manifold "straight lines" of the lackeys based on the "straight line" of the Government of Athens with the traitorous clique of Belgrade and the unleashing of a new terrorism against the democratic ideal of the indomitable people of Greece and going to prepare the fuel to be lighted whenever the order is given by their masters. Yes, but the merchants of blood will find the will of the peoples facing them indomitable and unyielding to these Satanic plans. The youth of the whole world, who have lived so close to the horror of war, who have counted millions of victims—the generation which buried forever its dreams for its individual rehabilitation, will not allow this crime to be carried out against them. The fighters of the war of yesterday are becoming the crusaders of Peace today. Equally determined and unterrified in the face of violence and coercion. The cause of Peace has become the cause of Youth, because Youth has before it the future opening, because the Youth always pay for every war, because the Youth will pay again for the destruction of every selfish exploit of the imperialists.

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Determined and united throughout the whole world the Youth are fighting to foil the plans of the warmongers. Unswerving and determined the young men of our country will line up against the war measures of the lackeys of the warmongers.

Youths of every political shade and every social class have an interest in the establishment of Peace. The democratic pro-peace front must find in our country, too, the most faithful fighters among our youth, and their enthusiasm and appetite for work must find a practical outlet in the broadening of the Peace front, in the gathering of thousands of signatures to the Stockholm proclamation. The Youth will prove once more that they know how to honor the humanistic ideals of Peace. More noble ambition than this there cannot be: to hold in honor the torch in the vanguard of the endless column of the crusaders of Peace.

POLITICAL CRISIS

The democratic Government of the so-called "Center" of the Progressive Plastiras has fallen under the weight of its sins. It buried its pre-election promises for amnesty, equal political rights, social justice, national dignity. It put the Courts Martial into operation, kept Makronisos and created another increased and prepared the Army for new fortune-hunting adventures. It threw the workers into greater misery, gave further support to big capital, raised the cost of living even higher, and made food disappear. It struck down every demonstration of the people in behalf of their demands, sold out every national claim, followed with grotesque anarchy the orgy reappearance of new sawed-off dictators. The duty of all honest democrats is unity, the fight for dissolving of parliament, for the proclamation of new elections on the proportional system, in order to foil the shady palas of the palace militarist clique, to establish firmly Democracy, peace, calm, to give a regular amnesty, and to lead our people at peace and united into the battle of reconstruction.

STRIKES

The strike movement is growing. The fertilizer workers, the macaroni makers, the millers, the drivers for power, the tram workers, the petroleum workers, the tanners, the shoemakers, etc. have entered the strike struggle for the solution of their demands. Even the lepers in Spinalonka have announced a hunger strike as a demonstration of their protest against their abandonment. Every honest worker, every man struggling for his rights, must support and must give a sound direction in every branch strike struggle, regardless of whether under the pressure of the masses the "appointed" (labor leaders) have started the strike--those agents of the employes and of the Security Police. Thus we have uncovered those shameless agents and we have also contributed to the

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struggle of the people for their livelihood. Working men, working women, stay away from the Panhellenic strike of the Makrises which has the aim of provoking the revival of a new dictatorship.

You must take part in the elections to name representatives to the pseudo-congress which Makris and Co. are preparing with the blessings of their overlords. The labor unions must be purged of the filth of the appointed leadership. Black defeat for the appointed labor-peddlers Makris, Kalomoiris, Theocharides, etc! Black defeat for the agents of the employers and the Americans, viz. Stratis and the clique of KES. The sign which will persuade us and for whom we shall save our votes is: The stand which each candidate takes for the increase of wages in accordance with the price index, for wholesome working conditions, and unemployment allowances, increase of pensions, social medical care, labor union liberties, for amnesty and for Peace.

ROTTENNESS AND CORRUPTION

The young Chitis Alibarounis went to rob a lawyer in Piraeus and wounded him seriously with a pistol shot in the head. Alibarounis is a catamite, and his lovers are various Chites, among them the Archingandrite of the Naval Station, Velissarios Damaskinos. The stool pigeon of the 13th Precinct of the Security Police killed Professor Balomenos in order to rob him. This is the kind of young men that the corrupt reactionary regime wants.

THE FUND

It is the duty of every honest patriot to participate in the fund for the support of those in prison and in exile, sending these fighters whatever he can.

HONOR TO THE FIGHTERS WHO CONTINUE THE WORK OF THE HEROES WHO FELL FOR THE STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLE.

THE AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS ARE PREPARING A NEW WAR.

GREEK BOYS MUST NOT FALL FOR AMERICAN INTERESTS.

FILL UP THE RANKS OF THE DEMOCRATIC PRO-PEACE FRONT.

ALL THE WORKERS TAKE PART IN THE ELECTIONS FOR THE TENTH LABOR CONGRESS, GIVING BLACK DEFEAT TO THE "APPOINTED" AND TO THE AGENTS OF THE AMERICANS AND THE EMPLOYERS STRATIS AND COMPANY.

WORKERS, JOIN HANDS IN A JOINT STRUGGLE FOR THE PROTECTION OF DEMOCRACY, FOR THE DISSOLVING OF PARLIAMENT, FOR THE PROCLAMATION OF NEW ELECTIONS, SO THAT PRESUMPTIVE DICTATORS WILL NOT RAISE THEIR HEADS.